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In re Application of:

MASATO IKEDA, ET. AL.

Application No.: 10/088,594

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on their enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed documents, copies of which are enclosed, were cited in Applicants' Supplemental European Search Report.

For the Examiner's convenience, WO 01/00844 (which is over 1,200 pages) is enclosed on CD. However, if the Examiner wishes, the undersigned will provide a paper copy of that reference.

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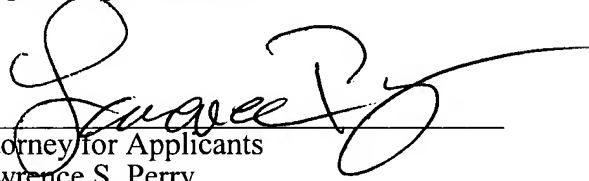
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We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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